1204. The net cash realisation during the year was Rs. 3,81,748 (Rs. 3,09,000).

(iv) Government Stationery Depot.

1205. The value of the stock of stationery articles at the Government Stationery Depot, Bangalore, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 5,28,855 (Rs. 3,42,507). New stocks of the value of Rs. 11,24,333 were either purchased or received from the Government Presses at Bangalore and Mysore and other Offices. The value of issues made to the several offices in the State amounted to Rs. 12,06,891 (Rs. 10,03,195) leaving a balance of Rs. 4,46,296 (Rs. 5,28,855) at the end of the year.

1206. The total demand against the several paying departments towards the cost of stationery articles and printing papers supplied to them during the year including the cost of papers supplied for printing forms and registers of the Municipalities and Local Bodies amounted to Rs. 6,99,644 (Rs. 5,66,879). Against this demand, a sum of Rs. 3,91,530 was realised, and a sum of Rs. 156 was waived as against previous year's realisation of Rs. 2,38,221 leaving a balance of Rs. 3,07,959 at the end of the year.

1207. As in previous years, the purchase of stationery articles, printing and writing papers and mill boards was made through the Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore. The majority of the printing and writing papers were purchased from the Mysore Paper Mills, Ltd., Bhadravati, straw boards and cover papers were purchased from Messrs. Bombay Stationery House, Bombay and the Andhra Paper Mills, Rajahmundry, respectively, during the year as the rates offered by those firms were cheaper and more favourable than those of the Mysore Paper Mills.

1208. Some of the special varieties of papers, such as imitation art, real art, blotting paper, typewriting thin paper, etc., not manufactured by the Mysore Paper Mills were purchased from other firms through Stores Purchase-Committee. As far as possible, articles of indigenous manufacture were preferred and articles of foreign manufacture were selected only when the indigenous make articles were wanting in quality and suitability for work.

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1209. The value of purchase made through the Stores Purchase Committee in respect of stationery, printing and writing papers, etc., amounted to Rs. 11,16,271 (Rs. 11,85,449).

1210. The value of articles of Mysore manufacture purchased was Rs. 9,67,105 (Rs. 11,45,522).

1211. The total number of issues of stationery articles during the year including balances, advances and additional supplies made to the several Departments of Government and Quasi-Government Institutions was 2,976 (2,828).

1212. The expenditure on establishment and contingencies of the Government Stationery Depot during the year was Rs. 29,005 (Rs. 30,306).

1213. Sanction was accorded for the purchase of 80 typewriters required for the several Government Departments during the year at a cost of Rs. 75,000.

(v) Horticulture and Public Gardens.

1214. Steady progress was made in many branches of the department during the year. The Mysore Horticultural Department continued its activities in connection with fruit culture, vegetable culture, floriculture; introduction, acclimatisation and propagation of economically important plants. On account of the intensive activities of the department since the last two years, there is a general horticultural awakening among the people. As a result of intensive work carried out in rural parts by the District Horticultural Inspectors of the department the area under fruit and vegetable crops has increased considerably and there is a definite increase in the output of fruits and vegetables. The ryotes and several institutions have availed of the services of the department in various matters. The dissemination of horticultural knowledge, improved and scientific cultural methods and other operations such as planting, pruning, manuring, etc., control of pests and diseases is an important function of the department.

1215. At Lalbagh, Bangalore and at Curzon Park, Mysore, a Free Horticultural Training Centre is being conducted by the department every year for the benefit of